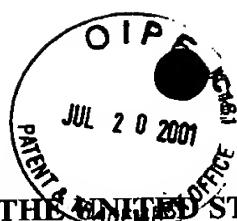


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Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend the application as follows:

Please amend the specification as shown:

Please delete the paragraph starting at page 1, paragraph 4, lines 29-35 and replace it with the following paragraph:

Some synthetic peptides, deduced from these TSR units, have valuable biological properties. Thus, the CSVTCG (SEQ ID NO:21) units allow the adhesion of the plasmodium sporozoites to the hepatic cells, the CSVTCG (SEQ ID NO:21) and WXXW (SEQ ID NO:22) units allow cellular attachment in other biological models, BBXB (SEQ ID NO:23) (B being a basic amino acid) binds heparin and finally WSXWS (SEQ ID NO:24) binds certain growth factors.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims:

1. (Amended) Peptide having at least the following amino acid sequence:
-W-S-A₁-C-S-A₂-C-G- (SEQ ID NO. 1)

1-S
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1-S